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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - April 30, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Omar Valencia was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Thomas J. Whelan to serve 46 months in custody and 3 years of supervised release based upon his guilty plea to the charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Alessandra P. Serano, who prosecuted the case, Valencia, who was previously convicted of grand theft and possession of a controlled substance, admitted in his plea agreement that on May 25, 2006, he illegally possessed a Russian SKS-45 assault rifle, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2), a felony.

DEFENDANT

OMAR VALENCIA Santee, California

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2) (Felon in Possession of a Firearm)

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives